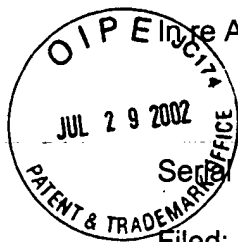


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German Patent No. DE 3001017 shows a nozzle construction in Figure 1 with an annular channel and one heating arrangement, and another nozzle construction in Figure 2 with a different channel and heating arrangement.

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